(4) Systemic restructuring providing for, *inter alia*, legal changes and institution building for supporting the restructuring process.

(c) Government is awaiting the views of the RBI on the recommendations contained in the Verma Working Group Report

(d) Does not arise.

Leasing out of National Airports

*138. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are shortly initiating a scheme for leasing out some key national airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for going in for the new policy of lease-out in reversal of the policy of outright corporatisation decided earlier?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) The advantage of long term leasing *vis-a-vis* corporatisation are as follows:—

(i) the ownership of airports shall remain with the Airports Authority of India (AAI); (ii) the restructuring will be achieved in a shorter time-span as the intermediate step of corporatisation will be avoided; and (iii) lease rentals from this exercise will regularly accrue to enable the development of remaining airports.

Declaring Panikoili-Rourkela road as a National Highway

*139. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared the State Road in Orissa from Panikoili to Rourkela as a new National Highway;

(b) if so, the steps taken to upgrade the above State road as National Highway;

(c) the fund provision made for the purpose so far; and

(d) the details thereof?